



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Part 154  
[Docket No. RM21-18-000]

Petition for Rulemaking

American Gas Association  
American Public Gas Association  
American Forest & Paper Association  
Industrial Energy Consumers of America  
Process Gas Consumers Group  
Natural Gas Supply Association

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Petition for rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** Take notice that, on June 24, 2021, American Gas Association, American Public Gas Association, American Forest & Paper Association, Industrial Energy Consumers of America, Process Gas Consumers Group, and Natural Gas Supply Association (collectively, Petitioners), pursuant to Rule 207(a)(4) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, filed a petition requesting that the Commission revise its regulations and/or filing procedures for natural gas pipelines regarding the filing of information in native file format. Specifically, Petitioners request that the Commission institute a rulemaking to revise its regulations for electronic filings of tariffs and related materials, or alternatively, issue an order revising and updating the FERC *Implementation Guide for Electronic Tariff Filings* (2016), to require the submission of all supporting statements, schedules, and workpapers in native format (*e.g.* Excel) with all cells, links, and formulas intact when a natural gas pipeline files for a change in rates or charges.

**DATES:** Comments due 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on September 29, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments in lieu of paper using the “eFile” link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on Petitioners. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the Federal Register, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<https://www.ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

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